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LB 699

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | FY 2014-15 | | FY 2015-16 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | |

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 699 would allow a developmentally disabled person to hunt under certain conditions by creating an exemption to the normal permit and hunter education requirements. This bill also combines current hunter education courses on firearms, crossbows, bow and arrows and air guns into one course covering “hunting implements”, and eliminates the requirement of a certain number of hours of classroom and practical instruction.

The Game and Parks Commission indicated on their fiscal note that hunter education course materials may need to be rewritten but if done over time as current materials are used up any cost would be minimal and could be absorbed. They also assume that hunter education certificates already issued would remain valid over a defined period of time based on Commission adopted rules and regulations. Based on these assumptions LB 699 has no fiscal impact.

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| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES | | |
| LB: 699 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission |
| REVIEWED BY: Cindy Miserez | DATE: 01/17/2014 | PHONE: 402-471-4174 |
| COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission’s statement of fiscal impact for LB 699. | | |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 699

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2014-15</u> | | <u>FY 2015-16</u> | |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| CASH FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| OTHER FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation provides a means in which a developmentally disabled person may obtain a hunting permit and participate in a hunting activity. The means involves the issuance of a license-purchase exemption certificate and accompaniment while hunting. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is allowed to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations related to the issuance of exemption certificates. While this could provide for a slight increase in permit sales, the anticipated participation level is not expected to be significant.

The proposed legislation additionally combines the current sections of law pertaining to firearm and bow hunter education programs to a single section on hunter education related to a hunting implement. A hunting implement means a firearm, crossbow, bow and arrow, or air gun used to hunt. There would be a fiscal impact related to transition to this new structure related to printing instruction materials and training volunteers.

It is, however, assumed that this change would not require an immediate change in current educational material (e.g. shift from "firearm" or "bow hunting" labeled material to more generic "hunter" labeled material as well as content modification). Additionally it is assumed that previously issued certificates would remain valid and transition would occur over a defined period based on Commission adopted rules and regulations. If these assumptions are met, it is anticipated that the additional costs could be minimized and accommodated over time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2015-16</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>14-15</u> | <u>15-16</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Travel..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital outlay..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aid..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital improvements..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL..... | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |